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Chlorine ban postponed until January 1, 2010 2008

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Report Highlights:

The Chief Medical officer of the Russian Federation signed Resolution#66 which postpones the ban on the use of chlorine in antimicrobial washes until January 1, 2010.

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Executive Summary

On December 4, 2008, the Federal Service for Consumer Protection and Human Well-Being issued Resolution #66 "On Use of Solutions Containing Chlorine for Handling of Poultry Carcasses". This Resolution postpones the enforcement of clause 1.1 of the Resolution No. 33 which prohibits the common industry practice of using chlorine in antimicrobial washes to kill surface food borne pathogens such as Salmonella and E. coli until January 1, 2010.

The original Russian text regarding the postponement can be found at the following official website of the Federal Service for Consumer Protection and Human Well-Being:
<http://www.rospotrebnadzor.ru/documents/postanov/2252/>

(Unofficial translation from Russian)

Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation

Resolution December 4, 2008 #66 On Use of Solutions Containing Chlorine for Handling of Poultry Carcasses

As Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation I, G.G. Onischenko, having analyzed the information on implementation of the Resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation #33 dated June 2, 2008 "On production and circulation of poultry meat" (registered by the Russian Ministry of Justice on June 23, 2008 #11864) hereby notes the following.

Rospotrebnadzor offices in the subjects of the Russian Federations have implemented supervising measures towards legal entities and individual entrepreneurs engaged in production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products. The results of tests of poultry products for the content of water separated in the process of thawing showed that its mass exceeded 4% in 26% of tests.

Based on the results of the implemented surveillance and supervising activities, legal proceedings for administrative violations were initiated and the sales of products which did not comply with the established regulations were restricted.

[Rospotrebnadzor] has conducted activities at poultry processing facilities aimed at exclusion of use of solutions containing chlorine in quantities exceeding the regulations introduced by SanPiN 2.1.4.1074-01 "Drinking water. Hygiene requirements to the quality of water in centralized systems of water supply. Quality control" (registered by the Russian Ministry of Justice on October 31, 2001 #3011) for treatment of poultry carcasses and their substitution with other chemicals for antimicrobial treatment of poultry carcasses.

At the same time additional measures are required for completing this activity.

Activities aimed at clarifying issues of production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products are being implemented through mass media.

In accordance with the Federal Law #52-FZ dated March 30, 1999 "On Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being of the Population" (Code of Laws of the Russian Federation, 1999, #14, art. 1650; 2002, #1 (part 1), art 2; 2003, #2, art. 167; #27 (part 1), art. 2700; 2004, #35, art. 3607; 2005, #19, art. 1752; 2006, #1, art. 10) and the Federal Law #29-FZ dated January 1, 2000 "On quality and safety of food products" (Code of Laws of the Russian

Federation, 2000, #2, art. 150; 2002, #1 (part 1), art. 2; 2003, #2, art. 167, #27 (part 1), art. 2700; 2004, #35, art. 3607; 2005, #19, art. 1752, #50, art. 5242; 2006, #1, art. 10, #14, art. 1458)

I HEREBY DECREE:

To postpone the date of coming into effect of the Clause 1.1. of the Resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation #33 dated June 2, 2008 "On production and circulation of poultry meat" until January 1, 2010.

Legal entities and individual entrepreneurs engaged in production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products as well as importation of poultry meat and poultry products to the territory of the Russian Federation are to develop plan of activities for the period of transition towards the new requirements to poultry carcasses handling for realization of Clause 1.1 of the Resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation #33 dated June 2, 2008 "On production and circulation of poultry meat".

Rospotrebnadzor offices in the subjects of the Russian Federation and at railway transport are to:

Reinforce the State surveillance over the production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products;

Engage activities with legal entities and individual entrepreneurs involved in production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products as well as importation of poultry meat and poultry products to the territory of the Russian Federation aimed at exclusion of use of solutions containing chlorine in quantities exceeding the regulations introduced by SanPiN 2.1.4.1074-01 "Drinking water. Hygiene requirements to the quality of water in centralized systems of water supply. Quality control" for treatment of poultry carcasses;

Actively inform the population of the implemented activities and clarification of issues of production and circulation of poultry meat and poultry products.

Assign the Deputy Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation L.P. Gulchenko with the functions of supervision over the implementation of the present Resolution.

G.G. Onischenko

RS8050 Chlorine Use in Poultry Production Banned
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200807/146295041.pdf>

RS8049 Frozen Poultry for Further Processing to be Banned
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200807/146295034.pdf>